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In re the Application of:

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Examiner: **Brian T. Pendleton**

For: **AUDITORY SENSE TRAINING ...**

Attorney Docket: **981091**

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: **March 26, 2003**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on January 2, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claim 2 without prejudice to re-entry and combine it into claim 1, as follows:

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1. (Amended) An auditory sense training method for training the auditory sense of a trainee, the method comprising:

- processing an original sound, to form a region attenuation processed sound, by
- attenuating a predetermined frequency region of said original sound;
- having the trainee listen to said region attenuation processed sound; and
- alternating said region attenuation processed sound with at least one of silence and said original sound.